Saturday

David Wade, guitar (senior recital), 1 p.m., Beall Hall, free.

Greg Goebel, piano (senior recital), 3 p.m., 178 Music, free Jasmine Hedrick, flute (doctoral recital),

4:30 p.m., Beall Hall, free. Greg Guenther, baritone (senior recital),

Campus buzz

6:30 p.m., Beall Hall, free.

"Swing Into Summer" (Eugene Swing Dance Club's quarterly dance), 8 p.m.midnight, Agate Hall, \$6 members, \$8 non-members, 687-9464.

University Percussion Ensemble, 2 p.m., 198 Music, \$5, \$3.

University Gospel Ensemble and Gospel Choir, 6 p.m., McDonald Theatre, \$8, \$5.

Ballroom dance (sponsored by United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association), lesson at 6 p.m., dance from 7-10 p.m., Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette St., \$4 members, \$6 non-members

Squirrel

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discovered that they like Tootsie Rolls and enjoy munching on them. In fact, I have come to discover that they like pretty much the same diet as the students."

University Exterior Team and Grounds Crew supervisor Tim King said that although many squirrels on campus are approachable, he cautions people about being too friendly with the wild animals.

"I've gone up to people who feed them out of their hand and really tried to discourage them from doing that," King said.

He said he tells people not to feed the squirrels because human food often attracts other rodents, such as mice and rats. This has been a problem for people feeding the animals from their office windows - before they know it, more rodents have invaded.

We think they were coming in through the chimney and making a

mess in somebody's office," he said. "But usually squirrels will stay out of the buildings - they want to be in trees.

King said squirrels like to nest in hollow cavities, so the University has let several dead trees remain on campus because they serve as habitat for both squirrels and birds.

John Anthony, who has been the campus arborist for 15 years, pointed to a specific dilemma caused by a high squirrel population on campus.

'Squirrels are definitely a problem for the trees," Anthony said.
"They chew on the bark — for reasons that aren't exactly clear." He said there are numerous trees on campus that have been stripped in places and have pieces of bark scattered at their base.

Anthony said there could be several explanations for this destructive behavior. The bark may offer nutrition that is otherwise lacking in the squirrels' diet, or they simply may be gnawing, as rodents do to

wear their teeth down.

However, he did say he's seen squirrels doing some good for the trees, such as munching scales, which are small parasitic insects that feed off the limbs of trees.

The plentiful food sources on campus, including trees, may account for some of the squirrels. But Anthony said the relative safety of the environment is the No. 1 reason for the high squirrel population.

Anthony said that although there are few natural predators on campus, he once saw a lone red tail hawk chase a squirrel into the bushes near the EMU. He also said there's little that can be done to stop the animals from destroying the trees, short of introducing more natural squirrel enemies on campus.

"No one's going to go around hurting the squirrels, and I love the little guys," he said. "Who knows? Maybe they just hate arborists."

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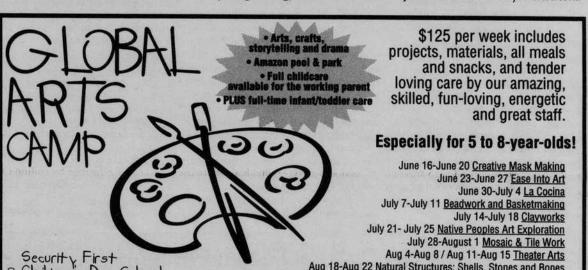
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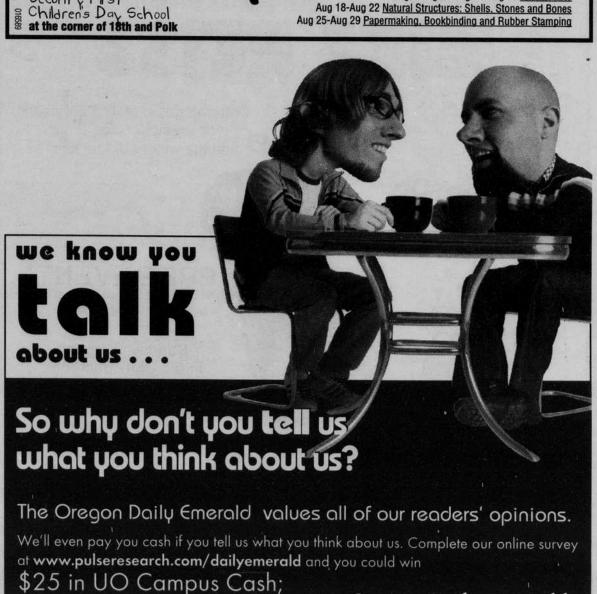
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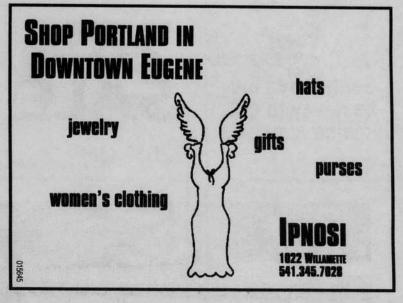
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